

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 8, 16, and 20 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

A<sub>1</sub> 8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the animal is a gonadectomized animal.

A<sub>2</sub> 16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the animal is a gonadectomized animal.

A<sub>3</sub> SUB 20. A method for delaying or reducing the likelihood of, or ameliorating, a disease or disorder associated with amyloidosis, which method comprises administering an A $\beta$  level reducing dose of an estrogen compound to a subject who has an increased risk for developing or shows a symptom of the disease or disorder associated with amyloidosis.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are pending and at issue.

Claims 8, 16, and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-30 are pending.

Reconsideration of the above identified application, in view of the amendments and